The roller-coaster ride Bills took to playoffs

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WHAT A MESS

Wind-driven snow and a deadly accident caused traffic on Interstate 90 to slow down and back up. Tuesday's weather caused area roadways to become clogged with slow-moving vehicles.

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Multivehicle collision kills one, closes Thruway stretch

By Harold McNeil and Nancy A. Fischer
NEWS STAFF REPORTERS

One person has died following a crash Tuesday that involved between 15 and 25 vehicles, according to State Police.

One other person was also seriously injured in the multivehicle pileup, said Trooper Michael P. Cassella, a public information officer with the State Police.

AMR Western New York Ambulance transported seven victims from the collision to area hospitals. Five were taken to Erie County Medical Center and two to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. None was critically injured, according to Tom Maxian, AMR regional director.

Several people involved in the accident but who were not seriously hurt were transported by buses to the Garden Place Hotel, a business on Transit Road.

Among them were Kevin Gurusaran and Alexandra Burazor of New York City. The couple was returning home from a road trip to Toronto and were near the beginning of the pile-up.

Gurusaran first saw the pile-

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Derek Gee/Buffalo News

Rachel D'Alfonso braces herself against the cold as she walks down Main Street on her lunch break Tuesday.

Blizzard's effect on roadways forces road closures, cancellation of events

By Dale Anderson
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Yes, that was a blizzard.

"The wind by itself dictated that. The blowing snow, the drifting snow," said Aaron Reynolds, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Office in Buffalo on Tuesday night.

The winter storm Tuesday afternoon prompted the early closing of Buffalo City Hall, Erie County offices and all courts in downtown Buffalo. After-school activities and evening meetings in Erie County were canceled from Clarence and the Town of Tonawanda in the north to East Aurora and Eden in the south.

The storm was blamed for a massive traffic collision that resulted in one fatality and seven people injured. State Police said

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A snowy, windy day in words and pictures

More photos of the storm that hindered travel on Picture Page, B6, and online at buffnews.com.

An elevated nature trail for Buffalo? Advocates say, 'This is going to get done'

25 feet high spanning 1½ miles, linear park would extend from Canalside to RiverBend

By T.J. Pignataro
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Imagine hiking or biking along a 25-foot-high elevated nature trail between Canalside and RiverBend.

The Western New York Land Conservancy – and many residents in the Old First Ward and the Valley – can.

A 1½-mile linear park that runs along the old Delaware, Lackawanna and Western (DL&W) Railroad line overlooking some of Buffalo's most historic – and revitalized – real estate is being formally proposed this morning at the Tewksbury Lodge on Ohio Street.

The railroad tracks are long gone, but most of the elevated section of the rail line remains in place.

The linear park is envisioned to look a lot like the Bentway in Toronto, Manhattan's High Line, Chicago's "606," or the 16 others listed on North America's High Line Network.

"We'd like to be No. 20," Nancy Smith, executive director of the land conservancy, told The Buffalo News.

Think this is some pie-in-the-sky, "it'll never happen," 1985-esque Buffalo idea? Those in the know say they know better.

"This is going to get done," said Rep. Brian Higgins, D-Buffalo, a big supporter of the idea.

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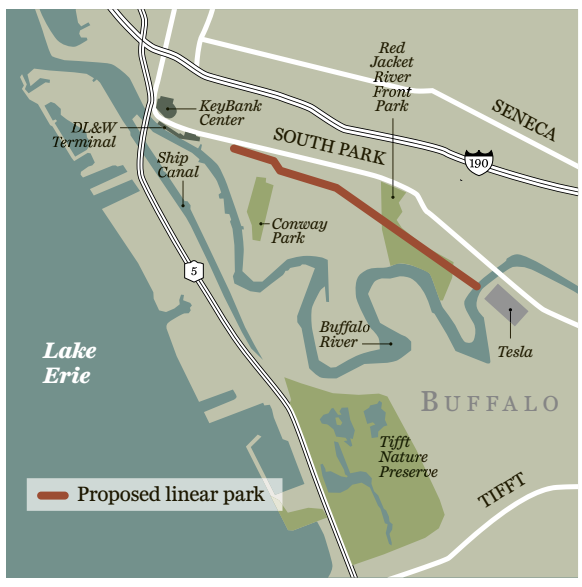

Buffalo's vision for its own High Line

Called "DL&W Linear Park and Multi-Use Trail," WNY Land Conservancy is making it a priority.

As shutdown looms, Democrats are ready

Party prepares demands for GOP

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Thomas Kaplan
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON – The Senate returns today with its Republican majority down to one seat and buoyed Democrats issuing a full list of demands – such as funding children's health care and protecting young unauthorized immigrants – just weeks before another possible government shutdown.

Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate will meet today with White House officials to try to come to terms on a deal to raise strict limits on military and domestic spending before Jan. 19, when the current stopgap spending bill expires.

If negotiations break down, the government could run out of money – just as President Trump marks his first year in office.

Democratic demands are ambitious, topped by a legislative shield for the young unauthorized immigrants whose Obama-era protection from deportation was ended by Trump. They are also pushing for broader intervention in the opioid epidemic, a boost for veterans' care, disaster relief to hurricane-stricken areas, and financing for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

"Nothing is agreed to until everything is agreed to," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said in an interview Tuesday.

Rep. Nita M. Lowey of New York, the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Commit-

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